October 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of October, 2004: 115 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 49 Drift Sink Gillnet, 2 Drift Floating Gillnet, 117 Bottom Otter Trawl, 30 Scallop Dredge, 8 Midwater Otter Trawl, 13 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, 4 Beach Seine, 2 Handline, 3 Clam Dredge, 4 Bottom Longline, 1 Scottish Seine, 2 Purse Seine and 6 Closed Area Scallop. There were 5 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

Trip Type	Trip ID*	Date Landed	Number of Takes	Species	Disposition
ASG 100	A28059C	10/6/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C34095C	10/26/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C45024-	10/31/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	alive, condition unknown
BOT 052	C91032-	10/10/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, not injured
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ASG 100	D34011L	10/29/2004	1	leatherback turtle	dead, severely decomposed
BOT 050	D43007-	10/19/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, not injured
BOT 050	D43008-	10/20/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, not injured
BOT 050	D43008-	10/20/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, not injured
SD 132	D29021-	10/14/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, injured
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ASG 100	D52004C	10/27/2004	1	seal, nk	condition unknown
ASG 100	D70002C	10/13/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
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ASG 100	D70002C	10/13/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, condition unknown
DSG 117	D77002C	10/13/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, condition unknown
DSG 117	D83001C	10/6/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh

^{*&}quot;C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "L" signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); "-" signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, SD = Scallop Dredge, BOT = Bottom Otter Trawl, DSG= Drift Sink Gillnet